Transmission quality of NER DD Channel

2323. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the low transmission quality of the 24 hours North-Eastern Channel (DD13) when telecasted through cable in Guwahati, Jorhat, North Lakhimpur and other places;

(b) whether Doordarshan has done any survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Doordarshan would make a survey and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that in some areas of Guwahati, Jorhat, North Lakhimpur and certain other places, reception quality of NE Channel (DD13) distributed through cable networks, is reported to be unsatisfactory, as the Cable operators have not used receiving dish antenna of proper size.

(b) to (d) Quality of telecast of NE Channel through cable networks is being monitored by Doordarshan officers at various places and surveys in this regard are also conducted from time to time. Doordarshan is making efforts to persuade the cable operators to use dish antenna of appropriate size and adhere to the provisions of Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act.

Funds for in-house programmes of NER Doordarshan

2324. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fund allocated for making in-house programmes in Doordarshan Kendras of North-East in the current year is very negligible in comparison to the fund allocated for making programmes by the outside producers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Doordarshan would start its own in-house commissioning of programmes with dedicated team giving all the facilities to compete with the private channels in the Kendras like Guwahati?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Budget of DAVP for print media

2325. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the budget of DAVP for the print media; and

(b) the breakup of the total budget language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) During the 2002-03, DAVP issued advertisements to newspapers for Rs. 100,13,94,826 made available from its own budget as also other Ministries/Departments. The language-wise break-up is in the Statement.

Statement

Details of language-wise amount committed by DAVP during the year 2002-2003

Sl.No.	Language	Amount in Rs.
1.	English	476287064
2.	Hindi	287752047
3.	Urdu	25258183
4.	Punjabi	13624807
5.	Marathi	37012223
6.	Gujarati	34896961
7.	Sindhi	1245155